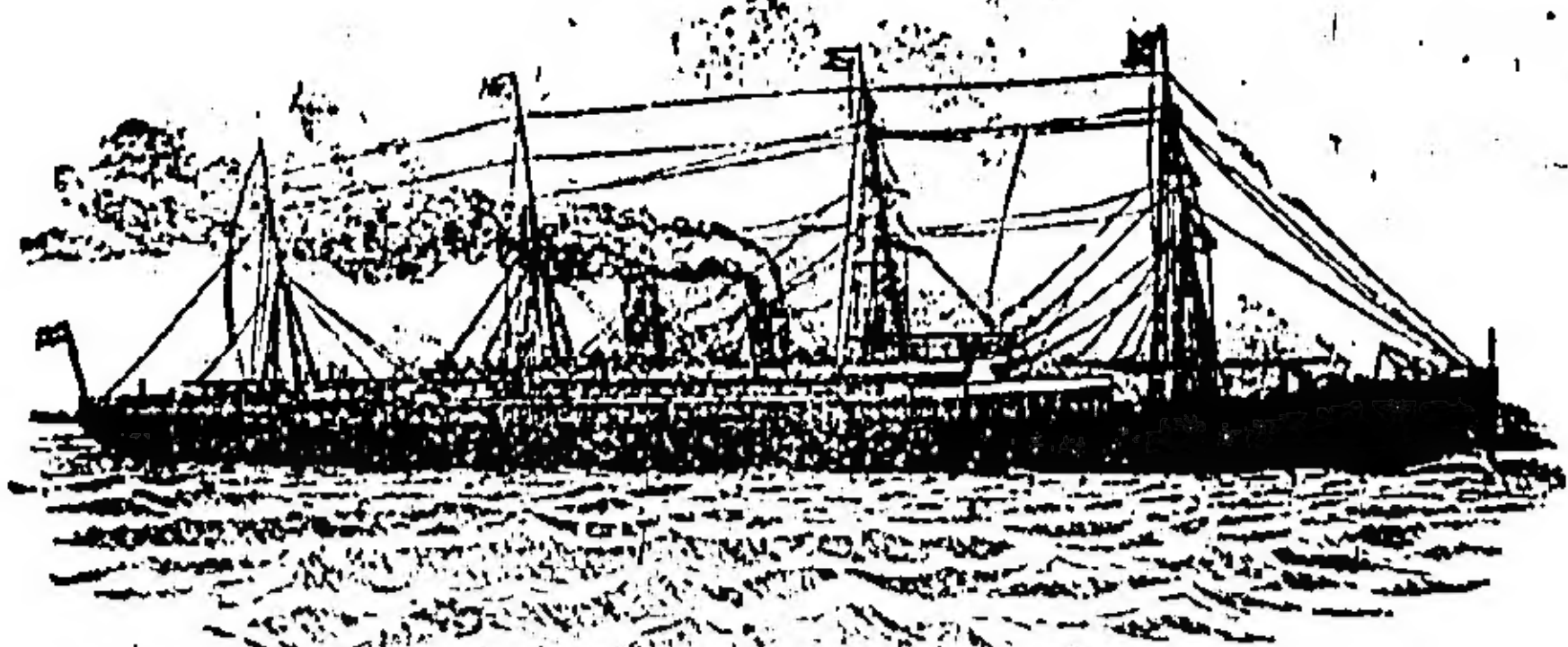


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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
"ALGOA"	7,574 Gross Tons.....	SATURDAY, 16th January, at 11 A.M.
"CHINA"	5,060 "	WEDNESDAY, 20th January, at Daylight.
"DORIC"	4,784 "	FRIDAY, 29th January, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	6,307 "	SATURDAY, 6th February, at Noon.
"SIBERIA"	11,284 "	SATURDAY, 13th February, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	4,352 "	TUESDAY, 23rd February, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	6,307 "	WEDNESDAY, 2nd March, at Noon.
"KOREA"	11,276 "	THURSDAY, 10th March, at Noon.
"GAELIC"	4,205 "	SATURDAY, 19th March, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU"	6,307 "	SATURDAY, 26th March, at Noon.

*Via Kobe.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 11,276 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

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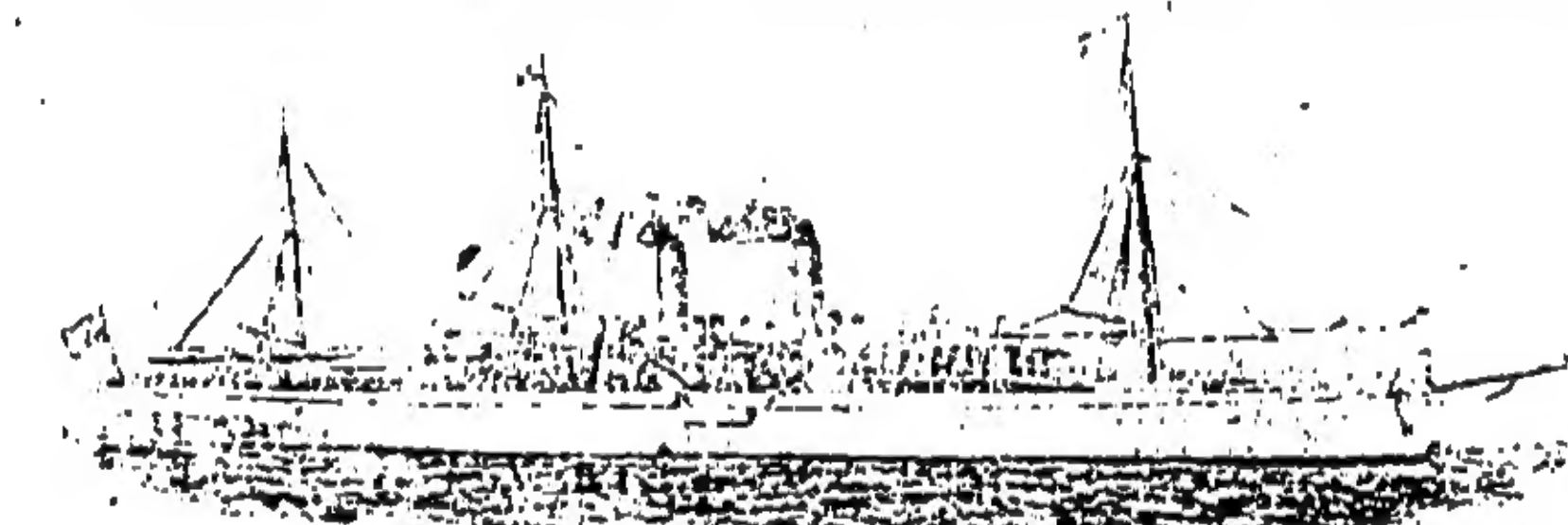
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J. STUART THOMSON, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1904.

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1904.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

STEAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATES.

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Hongkong, 7th November, 1903.

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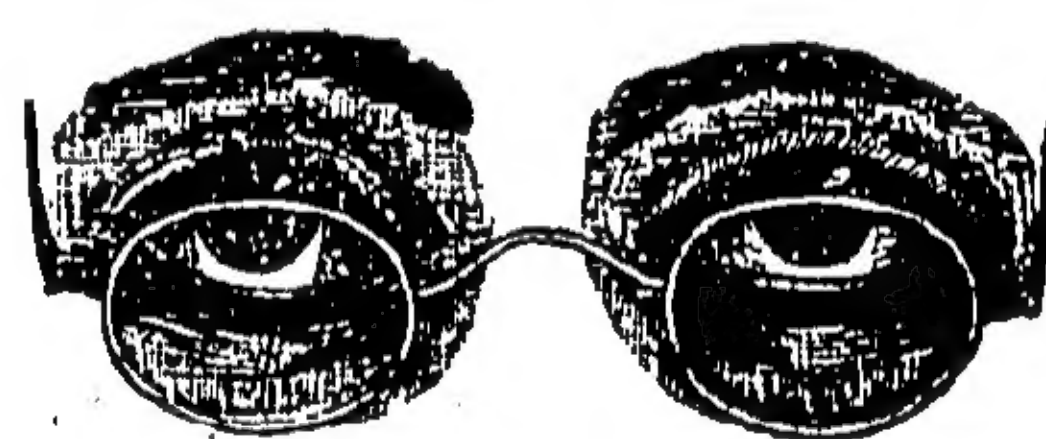
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Hongkong, 6th November, 1903.

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All per Case of 24 Quarts.

Price Reductions for Large Orders.

GROSSMANN & CO.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1903.

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DENTIST.

No. 24, Canton Road Central.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1903.

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PRICE \$10.50 per case of 48 bottles (quarts)

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Special Prices for Quantities.

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SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1903.

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No. 7, LEE YUEN STREET WEST, CENTRAL,

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2,000 lbs. of SHELLAC ONLY.

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TSU FAN,

DENTIST.

PRICE MODERATE—CONSULTATION FREE.

Next to the Hongkong Dispensary,

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1904.

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Intimations.

THE YOKOHAMA DOCK CO., LTD.

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Length inside, 514 ft. Width of
entrance, top 95 ft.; bottom 75 ft.
Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to
pump out, 4 hours.

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Length inside, 375 ft. Width of
entrance, top 60.5 ft.; bottom 45.8
ft. Water on blocks, 26.5 ft. Time
to pump out, 2 hours.

THESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbour and the attention of
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The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work,
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Work, and all kinds of Machinery are made on the premises.

Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be
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Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. I. and A. B. C. (4th).

Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN,

PLUNKET'S GAP, the PEAK, near the TRAM TERMINUS, Tel. 56.

For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

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CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND

MORTGAGE CO., LIMITED.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-

HOLDERS in the Company will be held at the

OFFICES of the Company, 14, Des Vœux Road,

on SATURDAY, 16th January, 1904, at 11

o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a

Statement of Accounts and the Report of the

General Managers for the year ending 31st

December, 1903, declaring a Dividend and

electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, 13th

January, 1904, to SATURDAY, the 16th

January, 1904, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1904.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-

MENT AND AGENCY CO.,

LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SIX-

TEENTH ORDINARY MEETING

of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will

be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria

Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th

January, 1904, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the

purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors

together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending

31st December, 1903.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Com-

pany will be CLOSED on SATURDAY,

the 16th January, to WEDNESDAY, the 27th

BRITAIN OF THE FAR EAST.

JAPAN'S STRIKING PROGRESS IN IDEAS AND HABITS OF THE WEST.

An Anglicised Japan is the dream of Mr. K. Watanabe, a special commissioner from the Governor-General of Formosa, who sailed for Capetown in the *Armada Castle*.

Since England became Japan's best friend among the Western Powers, her people have developed an extraordinary taste for all things English. Mr. Watanabe has been sent abroad to study British Colonial methods that Japan may improve her administration in Formosa, and also to report upon the desirability of South Africa as a field for Japanese labour.

Mr. Watanabe is a dapper little man, who speaks perfect English, and is Europeanised, as he expresses it, "in everything but colour." In addition to his duties as a commissioner for Formosa, he has for years been identified with the emigration movement in Tokyo, and has travelled through North and South America investigating offers for the employment of Japanese labour.

"My mission in South Africa is twofold," he said to an "Express" representative at the Langham Hotel the other day. "I want to see how the new Colonies are administered, and to investigate labour conditions. If the British Government is willing and its restrictions are not too severe, Japan is willing that the tide of emigration should turn towards Capetown instead of Hawaii, Peru, Mexico, and Canada."

"There has been much interest in South Africa since the question of Oriental labour was brought up. During the war Japanese commissioners visited the Transvaal in order to investigate the labour situation, but conditions were then too unsettled. Recently, however, reports reached the large steamship companies in Japan that there was an excellent opportunity for labourers on the Rand."

JAPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

"My countrymen would go to South Africa in preference to Mexico, even Hawaii, because they feel that Great Britain would accord them preferential treatment—at least so far as Chinese labour was concerned."

"I am sure the superiority of the Japanese labourer over the Chinaman would be quickly apparent to any mine-owner who has employed the latter."

"All we ask is that the Japanese labourer shall have as fair treatment as his white brother. We are becoming more Europeanised every day. You cannot, with justice, put us on the same level as the Chinese coolie, as people are inclined to do who do not understand the true Japan. We are far more adaptable."

"The Chinaman will retain his blouse and his pigtail to the end of time, and when all things are finished, he will go home in a tin box to be buried. He is narrow, less intelligent, and less adaptable."

"The trouble is that the Japanese are misunderstood. Travellers pass through the country very quickly, and write their impressions. They never get below the surface; the real Japanese nature is a sealed book to them. We in Japan know far more about England and English customs than the English know about Japan. We can read your literature and newspapers; our language and literature are closed to you."

EUROPEAN JAPANESE.

"It is hard to describe the deep, intense pride the Japanese feel because of their alliance with England. It has been said—and the statement reached Japan—that no Western Power should link herself with an Oriental Power. Why not? We are becoming more European every day."

"How am I different from the Englishmen I meet in this hotel, save in colour? I dress as they do, talk as they do, think as they do."

"I believe that Japan will soon be on the same plane as England or any Continental Power. We realise that progress will come from the adoption of Western methods and ideas. English is being taught in schools throughout the Empire. The Union Jack is to be seen in many towns. Yes; we are very proud of England."

"The Japanese immigrant has been found a success in many parts of the world. Seventy thousand have been sent to Hawaii to work on sugar plantations. As an experiment, 1,000 went to Peru for the same purpose, and that Government asks for more. There are 3,000 Japanese in the Mexican silver mines, and I have yet to receive a single complaint that they are physically inferior or less capable workmen than the natives."

"Will there be war with Russia? Possibly. Japan believes war is inevitable, and that there, only remains the date for firing the first gun. We are ready. We know to a man and a gun Russia's strength in the Far East. Our Foreign Office is fully advised of the serious internal disturbances in Russia. The Czar's Government is not anxious for war. But on the other hand, if they will not recede from their Manchurian position, we will not compromise."

KOREA'S INTEGRITY.
"Japan will never settle the matter on the basis of taking Korea while Russia takes Manchuria. We do not want Korea. The integrity of that country must be preserved. So far as Manchuria is concerned we do not want it either. Japan will have equal commercial rights with Great Britain, the United States, and the other Powers."

"But Russia must get out of fight, and at the moment there is doubt as to which course she will pursue."

"Japan is quite able, financially, to carry on a war. The Government is anxious for an honourable peace, yet the people strongly hold that there can be no peace with honour. No, we shall not expect England to help us. It will be our war."

"I received a letter from Tokyo a few days ago which emphasised the gravity of the situation and the belief that all attempts at negotiation may prove futile. Russia needs a lesson in the Far East, and she will get it, as China did."

Mr. Watanabe is returning to England in January for a conference with the Colonial Office before sailing for Japan. He has intense admiration for Mr. Chamberlain and his Colonial policy, and said that keen interest was being taken in Japan's official circles in the fiscal question. He hopes to meet Mr. Chamberlain at Manchester.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
The Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
on
SATURDAY, the 16th January, 1904,
at 11 A.M.,
at their
SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
Corner of Ice House Street,
TWO FLEED SPANIELS
About 3 years old
(Only imported this season from England and shot over two seasons).
TERMS—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1904. [119]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of January, 1904, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of CROWN LAND South of Bowen Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub.	Regd. No.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents (Acres, Roods, Poles).	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
1	100	South of Bowen Road	147' 0" 37' 0" 170' 0"	10.341	£18	100.000

Hongkong, 13th January, 1904. [105]

TO BE SOLD BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

FRIDAY, the 22nd day of January, 1904,
at 3 o'clock,
at their
SALES ROOMS, ICE HOUSE STREET,
by
Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH

THE FOLLOWING VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

TWO LOTS:—

LOT 1.—The Valuable Leasehold Messuages and Premises known as Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Ping On Lane, situate on Inland Lot No. 1,568, which are held for the Residue of a Term of 99 years created by the Crown Lease thereof. Crown Rent \$32.

LOT 2.—The Valuable Leasehold Messuages and Premises known as Nos. 25 and 27, Morrison Hill Road, and Nos. 33 and 35, Downing Street situate on the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 1,313, which are held for the Residue of a Term of 98 years created by the Crown Lease thereof. Crown Rent \$31.50.

For further Particulars, apply to
Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
or to
DENNIS & BOWLEY,
Solicitors for the Mortgagee.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1904. [106]

Intimations.

THE ROBINSON PIANO CO. LTD.
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, SINGAPORE.

CABIN PIANOS

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GUARANTEED FOR CLIMATE.

THE NEWEST

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MUSIC AND BOOKS.

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TALKING

'MACHINES

OF THE

HUMAN VOICE

SHIPS PIANO

PLAYERS,

\$450

CASH CREDIT

HONGKONG, 14th January, 1904 [107]

Intimations.

THEY WILL REMAIN.
The bump of reverence is overshadowed by the bump of intelligence in the 20th century man and woman. Old things are not preserved simply because they are old. What soever is no longer useful must get out of the way. Nevertheless, progress that is not intelligent will not be permanent. We shall continue to breathe air, drink water and eat bread. There will be no "improvement" on the great essentials of living, and we do not want any. Babies will come into the world as they have from the beginning, and people will die out of it as they have done since the world began. Let us not run away with the idea that all of our treasured opinions are to be upset. Through every change, all things which, like

WAMPOLE'S PREPARATION
have built a reputation on honour and good service, will hold their place. This effective remedy belongs to the past, the present and the future. It is not only up-to-date but ahead of date. For Wasting Diseases, Impaired Nutrition, Influenza, Lung Troubles, Impure Humors, in the blood resulting skin affections, etc., it possesses the confidence of physicians and the people everywhere. It is not expected to fail; it never does fail. The formula under which it is made is an inspiration. It contains the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. It is palatable as honey, and yet so medicinal as to be effective from the first dose. Professor Reddy, of Canada, says: "I have much pleasure in stating that I have used it in cases of debility and have found it to be a very valuable remedy as well as pleasing to take." To trust it and try it is to be satisfied and thankful. "You cannot be disappointed in it." Sold by chemists here and everywhere throughout the world and A. B. Watson Co., Limited.

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For full Particulars, &c., &c., Apply to

W. STUART HARRISON,

A.M., INST. C.E., Manager

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1903. [61]

Consignees.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"CHINA."

The above Steamship having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge and undelivered, by THURSDAY, the 14th instant, at 10 A.M., will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

J. STUART THOMSON, Acting Agent

Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [118]

Consignees.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
NORDDEUTSCHER HAMBURG-AMERIKA
LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"SACHSEN."

of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived; Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 A.M., TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 15th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on FRIDAY, the 15th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 20th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1904. [13]

S.S. "ERNEST-SIMONS."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo from London ex

s.s. *Malapan* and *Coudoun*, and fromHave, ex s.s. *Coudoun*, in connection with

above Steamer, are hereby informed that their

Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure

and Valuables, are being landed and stored at

their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong

and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited,

at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained

immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless

intimation is received from the Consignees

before 2 P.M., TO-DAY, the 14th instant, re-

questing it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the

Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed

after TUESDAY, the 19th instant, at NOON,

will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or be-

fore the 19th instant, or they will not be

recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on

TUESDAY, the 19th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [19]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"LAISANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees

of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their

Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining

on board after THURSDAY, the 14th instant,

at 4 P.M., will be landed at Consignees' risk and

expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [116]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"PALMA,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named

vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are

being landed and placed at their risk in the

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each

consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark,

and delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless

instructions are given to the contrary before

3 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 18th instant, at

4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in

any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the

Godowns for examination by the Consignees

and the Company's representative at an ap-

pointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days

of the steamer's arrival here after which date

they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [14]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "MACDUFF"

FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.

CONSIGNEES of General Cargo are hereby

informed that all Goods are being landed

at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong

and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at

Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves

delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary be given before Noon,

TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining

undelivered after the 20th instant will be

subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-

sented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th

instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on the 19th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO. LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1904. [118]

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.

DESTINATIONS.

SAILING DATES.

KAMAKURA MARU KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FRIDAY, 15th Jan., at Daylight.

BOMBAY MARU KOBE AND YOKOHAMA THURSDAY, 21st Jan., at Noon.

SANUKI MARU MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID SATURDAY, 23rd Jan., at Daylight.

IYO MARU VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA TUESDAY, 26th Jan., at 4 P.M.

KUMANO MARU NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA WEDNESDAY, 27th Jan., at Noon.

HITACHI MARU KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FRID

Intimations.



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Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [35]

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Hongkong, 8th January, 1904. [45]

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TELEGRAMS: "CARMICHAEL" Hongkong.
A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition.
A. Code.
Lieber's Standard Code.
TELEPHONE, 232.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [47]THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer
made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1904.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SEVERAL items are unavoidably withheld until
to-morrow's issue.A PENANG wire of the 9th inst. to the *Strait Times* says that the N.Y.K. liner *Bingo Maru*, while swinging to the tide at her moorings, collided with the German steamer *Sumatra*, and did damage to the extent of \$3,500. Both vessels were anchored at the time. The s.s. *Glengyle* had some difficulty in heaving up her anchor owing to the position of the *Bingo Maru*.The transport *Dithura* has left Southampton on a voyage of military relief service, which will not terminate till the vessel arrives back at Southampton about the middle of February with time-expired men, from colonial duty. In the course of her voyage she will visit Gibraltar, Malta, Alexandria, Ceylon, Singapore, Hongkong, and Rangoon, landing relief drafts from home, and in some cases moving troops from one station to another.By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and officers, the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, on Friday, the 15th instant (weather permitting).
March—"Sons of the Empire."
The March—"Dr. Kennedy's Lament."
The March—"The Wanderer."
The March—"The Wanderer."
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The March—"The Wanderer."FROM the *Peking and Tientsin Times* of the 1st instant.—Russian surveying parties have been very busy in the vicinity of Haicheng, where there are now 1,500 Russian soldiers, with barracks being built for double that number.—It is rumored that the control of the Russo-Chinese Bank is to be transferred from the Ministry of Finance to the Far East Special Commission.—Chang Yen-mao has mortgaged all his property to a foreign bank in order to raise enough to meet the demand that has been made on him.THE *Universal Gazette* gathers that on the 29th and 30th ultimo the Central Government at Peking telegraphed to the Viceroy and Governors of the different provinces that the Russo-Japanese negotiations would inevitably result in war, and very soon too; but the Central Government has definitely decided to remain neutral and assist or interfere with neither of the belligerents. The *Gazette* remarks that it is true that Russia and Japan will soon be engaged in a war but considering the subject of contention between the two countries it is inexplicable how the Central Government could come to such a decision.THE *Sun Pao* has given a long account of the causes of the Kwangsi rebellion. According to that account, the rebellion, now still unsuppressed, is due to three principal causes, viz, the dissension among the civil officials, the discord between the civil and military officials, and the miseries and suffering of the people. Most of the people in the affected districts were compelled to join the rebels under peculiar circumstances. They were poor and hungry, subject to maltreatment of the Government troops and turned out of their houses by the rebel forces. The disbanded soldiers of Marshal Su formed another potent factor of the rebel strength, for, on being disbanded, they immediately raised the cry of revenge against their Government, and turned their arms against the very people for whom they had just fought. Again, the degradation of Marshal Su and Governor Wang added greatly to the changed situation in Kwangsi.THE *Sin Wan Pao* gathers that the Government at St. Petersburg seeing that China was about to unite her military strength with that of Japan to strenuously oppose Russia's occupation of the Three Eastern Provinces, has become sorely alarmed and surprised; consequently she has been recently more yielding to Japan's demands. At the same time she is playing with and fooling Japan and trying to sever her alliance with China while she is applying every pressure on the latter Empire in order to acquire as much advantage as possible in the meantime and under the circumstances. In response to the telegram of the Grand Council to the Viceroy and Governor of the different provinces asking them to give their definite opinion to the Council for transmission to the Throne whether China should co-operate with Japan in arresting Russia's aggression in the Far East, Viceroy Tien Chun-huen of Liang Kwang promptly telegraphed in the affirmative.THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer
made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

A PECULIARLY lucky Kling was caught by a crocodile while bathing in the swamp near the 6th milestone on Thompson Road, Singapore, on the 4th inst. He got off with his life, but his leg was chewed by the saurian, and he is therefore in hospital.

On the 8th inst. a largely attended meeting of the native Bankers' Guild was held to consider the state of the financial market of Shanghai on account of the continual export of silver sycee to Port Arthur and Japan, and to devise means to put a stop to this exportation. The *Mercury* says the sycee in Shanghai at present amounts to only one and a half million taels, while the usual amount at this time of the year should be about eight million taels.On the 6th inst. at the P. & O. str. *Palermo* was coming into Woosung on the flood tide and in swinging round she ran into the steamer *Akunura Maru* which was anchored near the Red buoy. The *Palermo* had seven plates stove in on the starboard side, while the *Akunura Maru* had her stem badly damaged. It is understood that the *Palermo* will have her repairs effected in Shanghai and will be detained here about 14 days. The *Palermo* will be temporarily patched up for the present and will undergo a proper overhaul on her return to Shanghai.

THE SANITATION OF THE COLONY.

Yesterday's visit of His Excellency the Governor to the central district of the Sanitary Board in order to view the cleansing operations of the Colony has more than a passing interest in view of the statement which have been published elsewhere on the condition of Hongkong today. From the earlier times of the Honourable East India Company Hongkong has always been connected with some fatal pestilence, and as far back as 1859 the *Times* gave utterance to the prevailing opinion in England that Hongkong was always involved in some "doubtful war, some discreditable internal squabble, so much so, that the name of this noisy, bustling, quarrelsome, discontented little island may not inaptly be used as a euphonious synonym for a place not mentionable to ears polite." Every official hand was against his neighbor, said the *London Journal*, and concluded, "a dictator is needed, a sensible man, a man of tact and firmness, and we cannot always be investigating a storm in a tea-cup, when each individual tea leaf has its dignity and its grievance." Fifteen years earlier than the penning of those words the sanitation of the Colony was undertaken by the Government when a fever epidemic threatened its very existence, and Ordinance No. 5 of March 20th, 1844, had for its objects the enforcing of sanitary measures among all classes of residents; but no effective measures were undertaken at that time. When later cholera attacked the Colony, Dr. Peter Parker and Dr. Hobson opened the Seamen's Hospital on the site of the present Government Civil Institution and with a view to exterminating a scourge which had carried off by death twenty-four per cent. of the troops, and ten per cent. of the European populace, over sixty years ago, the Government directed their attention to building construction to relieve the congested population. But nothing was done. In 1874 the sanitation of the Colony remained as it did in the early sixties, and a decade has now passed since plague took hold of it. We understand that now, steps are about to be taken to give a voice to the opinion of Dr. Chaldecott in the early fifties, and Professor Simpson and Mr. Chadwick, who followed that early pioneer not long ago. Every medical expert who has ventured an opinion on the subject has stated a firm conviction that rodent life and overcrowded dwellings are the main factors in the dissemination of plague and other diseases. To frame Ordinances and amendments with a view to legal effect and not with an intelligent view of the circumstances, consistent with sanitary science is about as futile as Willet's action in Barnaby Rudge when he advertised for his runaway grown up son, by describing him as a child of tender years. To prohibit the little rodents from landing from steamers, and permit them to enter by way of junks, is about as absurd as to stop them by other means of entering houses by day when they can secure a safe entrance by night, and it is about as foolish to quibble over the true definition of a kitchen, a hood, or a flue, as it is to permit the construction of a wooden ceiling, veritable harbours where rodent life grows and flourishes at will. If it is possible to grasp the plague thoroughly, and entirely, eradicate it from the Colony, the opinions of medical experts and others versed in modern sanitary science must be taken fairly into consideration, and according to the distinctly peculiar conditions prevailing in Hongkong, given a fair trial. If the question of external air is all-absorbing, and a rat-proof building necessary in the suppression of the scourge, then by all means reconstruct dwellings where the sunlight shall reach every portion of the structure, and where light will penetrate where, in the darkness, plague bacilli is known almost wholly to exist. It is understood to be the growing official opinion that vacant tracts of land both on the Eastern and Western sides can well be utilized for the construction of model dwellings something on the style of the Peabody system, and a number of European and Chinese property owners are willing to speculate if the ordinary difficulties attending land tenure in the Colony be removed. The acquisition of land in the Central district for the purpose of reconstruction of dwellings more upon the lines advocated by Mr. Chadwick has within the past few days engaged serious attention, and apart from the ordinary cleansing of the Colony, if something practical can be done in this direction, a distinct advance will be made in the already progressive commercial steps of an otherwise belated Hongkong.—*Capitalist*.

AT THE SUPREME COURT.

NEW SOLICITORS ENROLLED THIS MORNING.

At the Supreme Court this morning, the Chief Justice, Sir W. M. Goodman, directed that three newly-arrived gentlemen be admitted and enrolled as solicitors of the Court. The Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., first moved, under the provisions of Ordinance 3, of 1871 that Mr. Otto Kong Sing be approved, admitted and enrolled to practise as attorney and solicitor of the Court. He moved his Lordship would see that the application was supported by affidavits showing that Mr. Otto Kong Sing was admitted to practise in September of last year in the Supreme Court of Judicature in England. There was also the usual affidavit of identity which had been filed by Mr. Fung Wa Chuen. His Lordship admitted Mr. Kong Sing to practise.

Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., then made a similar application on behalf of Mr. Dudley Vaughan Stevenson, who was admitted as a solicitor in July 1901, having been previously articled for five years in London. He had just arrived in the Colony to join the firm of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon.—The application was granted.

Mr. Sharp also moved that Mr. Arthur Conrad Holborow be admitted to practise. Mr. Holborow, he said, was admitted as a solicitor in the Supreme Court of Judicature on England last November, having been articled for five years in the country aid at Messrs. Hepworth & Co., in London. He had only recently arrived in Hongkong and was also joining the firm of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon.—His Lordship granted the application and, addressing the three gentlemen enrolled, said: I feel confident, having regard to the papers I have read, showing your antecedents, that you will worthily maintain the reputation and dignity of the profession to which you belong. I wish you every success in your practice.

A WIRE TRANSACTION.

Messrs. A. Ross & Co., of 4, Des Vaux Road, sought to recover the sum of \$708.11 from the Ching Hop firm, of Wing Lok Street, in respect of the loss on re-sale of a quantity of wire rigging, of which defendants refused delivery. The case came on for hearing at the Supreme Court this morning before the Puisne Judge, Mr. A. G. Wise, when Mr. E. A. Bonner, of Messrs. Denny and Bowley, appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. J. Hastings for the defendants.

Mr. Bonner explained that it was an action for damages for breach of contract in respect of the sale of a quantity of wire rigging. The contract, which was dated the 18th December, 1902, stipulated for 50 tons of the wire "of fair quality; not too much worn or rusted. As good as possible. To arrive January or February shipment." It arrived in several shipments, and when the last delivery came to hand, on the 2nd and 3rd of January, the defendants refused to chop the notice book of arrival. The first two lots arrived within time and defendants refused to take delivery of them on account of the quality, and cancelled the contract.

Mr. Hastings thought it was unnecessary to go into the question of quality. Plaintiffs had failed to deliver the quantity mentioned in the contract, and it was quite clear defendants were not bound to take any less amount.

Mr. Bonner submitted defendants broke the contract as they refused to take delivery.

Mr. J. Douglas, marine surveyor, spoke to having examined some 200 coils of wire rigging about seven months after it had been landed. It was then unfit for rigging purposes.—Mr. T. P. Hall, marine surveyor, also gave evidence, and his Lordship eventually adjourned the case.

BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada e Castro applied for a receiving order on behalf of Chan Yik Cho alias Chan Fang, carrying on business under the styles of Kwong Yik and Kwong Cheong, rice dealer, of 237, Des Vaux Road, West. The assets were set down at \$25,553.37, against which there were liabilities amounting to \$33,095.60. Forty per cent. of the assets were good debts and the remainder doubtful. Mr. D'Almada explained that the petition was filed on the 23rd December last. The debts due to the Kwong Yik shop amounted to \$11,835.95 and those to the Kwong Cheong shop to \$13,717.42. The debtor was the sole owner of the establishment.

His Lordship:—What does he want with two different firms? Does he run it for two separate firms? I suppose he goes in for rice gambling? He gambles in rice, and if prices go up makes large profits, and if it goes down goes into bankruptcy. (To the debtor): Why did you want to have two separate firms?

The debtor:—I first had one shop and I found I could open another so I started the second.

You speculated in rice and lost your money, is that it?—Yes.

I don't like these two different shops. One shop can draw bills on another shop, and all sorts of iniquity can go on in that fashion. Why don't you trade under your own name?—There was business and so I opened another shop.

Why, if you could not make one shop pay, did you want to open another?—When I started I was pretty well off.

Why didn't you continue to do pretty well in one shop instead of very badly in two?—After I opened the other shop people cheated me out of money. They would not pay money which they owed to me.

Altogether you say that about 40 per cent. of the debts are good. That would make you have less than \$10,000 assets. You owed \$30,000, so you have done somebody out of \$20,000 from the two shops in a very short time. Continuing, debtor said he was solvent when he started the second shop, and it was owing

to moneys owing him that he lost over \$40,000 in the last year. People were indebted to him in Japan and Australia. He sent goods to them and no remittances were forwarded to him. His Lordship:—I suppose you sent goods out there to friends and have now got a nice little fortune there. Is that it?—No, they don't pay me.

Subsequently, his Lordship made a receiving order and appointed Mr. Bryce Shepherd, official receiver.

RIVER STEAMBOAT COMPANY'S FAILURE.

At the same Court this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir W. M. Goodman, Mr. M. W. Slade appeared on behalf of the Wo On Steamship Co., Ltd., and applied for a winding up order. He said the petition, presented by the Company itself, showed that the undertaking was now insolvent, and although it had very substantial assets there was not sufficient to pay liabilities. The only possible course to adopt in order to avoid incurring other liabilities was to cease trading.

His Lordship:—The liabilities are put down as \$45,000 and the assets about \$31,000.

After further remarks, His Lordship said that no one appeared to oppose the application. He had read the papers, from which it seemed that the Company was incorporated in April 1902, for the purpose of working passenger traffic between Hongkong and certain ports of the West River, and generally to carry on the business of ferries, wharfers, ferries, and cargo, tug and steamboat owners. In less than a year they got into difficulties, and the business is now being carried on at a daily loss. Under the circumstances he thought it right that a winding up order should be made.

He made the order, and appointed Mr. Lowe provisional liquidator, subject to the proper security being given, and sanctioned the appointment of a solicitor to assist him.

FORTHCOMING FIRE BRIGADE

EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION.

For the past six weeks or so members of the Fire Brigade have been busily engaged with their appliances at the Central Station, and at seven o'clock this morning a number of firemen with pumps, ladders, etc. carried out various movements at the City Hall. Exercises were gone through with the telescopic ladders, pumps, hoses, reels, dispatch boxes and so on, and some very smart pieces of work were witnessed. The practice lasted until about eight o'clock, after which the men returned to their quarters. We understand that it is intended to exercise one half of the brigade on Thursday mornings and the other half early on Fridays. Some time in February it is hoped to have an exhibition on the Cricket Ground at which there will be competitions for prizes between the members of the Brigade. It is certainly a movement deserving of support, and we trust the public will show their appreciation of the Brigade's services to the Colony by assisting in every way possible.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE CHINA ASSOCIATION AND THE FISCAL POLICY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

DEAR SIR,—I beg to inform you that the Committee of this Branch of the China Association have despatched the following telegram to the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain:—

"Large majority of Members Hongkong Branch China Association warmly support your fiscal aims. Consider reciprocal treaties absolutely necessary, failing which recommend adoption retaliation."

The Members, who were asked to vote on the subject, were practically unanimous in sanctioning its despatch, only two dissenting.

Yours faithfully,

C. PEMBERTON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1904.

SHELL TRANSPORT AND TRADING CO.

Reports have lately been circulating in the Java papers hinting that the Shell Transport and Trading Company was not at all in a satisfactory position and that the Royal Dutch Oil Company was likely to administer the business in Java. The *Sourabaya Handelsblad* actually went the length of the day of giving the name of the gentleman who would act as administrator. It need hardly be said that the rumors are devoid of a foundation. The Shell Trading Company's business was never in a more flourishing condition. There is only one possible ground on which these rumors may have been based. There has been an interchange of views of late between the two companies, having as an ultimate object the combining of trade interests for mutual benefit. But if such an arrangement were adopted, it would not mean that either of the Companies was in a bad way; rather the reverse, for it would result in enhanced trade and increased profits. It is matter for concern and regret that a *Sourabaya* paper should lend itself to the dissemination of news whose unreliability could easily be ascertained.—*Straits Times*.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

English (*Malta*) 16th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 19th inst.
American (*Doric*) 19th inst.
German (*Bayern*) 19th inst.
Australian (*Titanic*) 21st inst.
German (*Cern*) 21st inst.
Indian (*Karnatak*) 24th inst.The s.s. *Yusuf* left Moji yesterday afternoon, and may be expected here on 18th inst. The *Apar* Co's s.s. *Lightning* from Calcutta left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon. The C. P. R. Co's s.s. *Empress of India* arrived at Kobe at 7.30 p.m. on 13th inst., and left again at midnight same day, via Nagasaki for Shanghai where she is due to arrive at 10 p.m. on 16th inst.THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer
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TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SERIOUS RIOT NEAR CANTON.

4,000 RAILWAY COOLIES STRIKE.

SHAMEN, 14th January.

9.10 a.m.

A serious riot has occurred in connection with the Canton-Hankow railway. Four thousand coolies employed on the construction of the line have gone on strike, giving as their reason the insufficiency of wages, an increase of which they demand.

The United States Consul, Mr. R. McWade, wired to Minister Conger at Peking last night for instructions to act in the emergency.

[The above wire was issued as a Special Extra at 11 a.m. to-day.—Ed. H.K.T.]

Accident to the S.S. "Fatsan."

DEPARTURE DELAYED.

SHAMEN, 14th January.

9.20 a.m.

As the steamer *Fatsan*, Captain Jones, was leaving the wharf this morning her propeller fouled the wharf chain and she was unable to proceed. The *Tai On* and *Kongmun* have not yet arrived, being probably delayed by the fog.

LATER.

The *Fatsan* got clear and sailed at 10.45 a.m. The *Kongmun* arrived here at 9.30 and the *Tai On* at 10 a.m.

China Association.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTION.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, 13th January,

5.40 p.m.

At the annual meeting yesterday evening of the China Association a resolution was carried unanimously to the effect that steps should be taken towards amalgamation with the China League.

[This telegram was received too late for publication in our issue last night.—Ed. H.K.T.]

Opium for China.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, 14th January.

The P. & O. Co.'s mail steamer left Bombay yesterday afternoon with about 1,100 chests of Malwa opium. Prices are:—

Malwa (New) ... Rs. 1,330
" (Old) ... 1,350
" (Older) ... 1,400
" (Oldest) ... 1,500

(Reuter's.)

The Crisis—Russia's Proposals.

LONDON, 14th January.

It is announced in Berlin that Russia's proposals to Japan are essentially as follows: (1) Japan is accorded various concessions in Korea; (2) Japan is allowed to deal with Southern Korea economically and strategically as her interests may require; (3) Russia leaves Japan full commercial freedom in Northern Korea, but neither nor in Southern Korea shall Japan permanently occupy any fortresses whether on the coast or in the interior; (4) The establishment of a neutral fifty-kilometre zone along the Yalu to Timen, where neither Japan nor Russia shall establish fortresses, the Straits of Korea to be neutral and free to Russian ships; (5) Russia accepts no conditions in reference to Manchuria, but is ready to accord Japan and other Powers representation for commercial interests. It is also stated that Russia has notified the Powers that she will respect all rights in Manchuria granted under treaties with China.

Unrest in the Balkans.

LATER.

Advices from all the Balkan countries point to the certainty of a general conflagration in the spring. This is regarded as an important factor in the Far Eastern situation, because Russia is not likely to desire to be engaged both in the Near and the Far East.

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THE SHARE MARKET.

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LAST DIVIDEND.		TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.		
Div. of £1.10/- @ 1/8 = \$18 for half-year ending 30.6.1903		\$650
1/- = \$1.90/- for 1902		\$35
None		\$10
INSURANCES.		
per cent = \$32 per share for 1902		\$400 s.
% = 1/2 for year ended 30.4.1903		\$56 s.
Final of £1 making £2 for 1902		Tls. 220
% = \$12 for 1901		\$135
% = \$15 per share for 1902		\$175
INSURANCES.		
2/- per share for 1901		\$300
per share for 1901		\$92 1/2
SHIPPING.		
1/- for half-year ending 30.6.1903 ...		\$31 1/2 s.
% = 10/- per share for 1902		\$73 s.
% = \$5 per share for 1902		\$70 s.
Div. of \$3 for year ended 30.6.1903 ..		\$30 s.
12.0/- = 12% for year ending {		\$19
cts. } 30/4/03		£1 2/-
Interim of 6d. for 1902		Tls. 36
Interim of 2% for 1903		Tls. 50 s.
Interim of 4% = Tls. 2.00		Tls. 47 1/2 s.
Interim of 3 1/2% = Tls. 1.75		
REFINERIES.		
Div. of \$7 making \$12 for 1903		\$103
1/3 per share for 1897		\$10 s.
% = Tls. 2/- for year ending 30.9.03 ..		Tls. 55
MINING.		
None		\$1 s.
Interim of Frs. 30 for 1903		\$600 s.
No. 12 of 1/- per share 28.1.01		\$6 s.

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DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS

Interim of \$6 for 1 year 30.6.03.....	\$209 b.
Interim of Tls. 5 for 1 year ending 31.10.1903.....	Tls. 124 sa.
Interim of \$2½ for 1903.....	\$95
Interim of \$2½ for 1902.....	\$38 s.
Interim of Tls. 5 for 1903.....	Tls. 212½ s.
HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.	
Interim of \$8 = 80 cents per share for 1902.....	\$9.80 sa.
Interim of \$6 for 1903.....	\$157
\$2.30 per share for 1902.....	\$35 b.
Interim of \$1½ for 1903.....	\$52½
\$6 for first 1 year 1903.....	\$148
2½ % for year ending 30.6.03.....	\$28
6 % for year ending 31.3.03.....	Tls. 13½
9 per cent. for 1902.....	\$11½ sa.
Interim of 6 % for 1903.....	Tls. 100 sa.
DITTON MILLS.	
Final of 60 cents, making \$1 for 1902/1903.....	\$154 b.
8 % for period ended 31.10.1903.....	Tls. 32 s.
Interim of 3 % on account of 1898.....	Tls. 25 b.
Interim div. of 4 % on acct. of 1898.....	Tls. 40 sa.

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Final of 60 cents, making \$1 for } 1902/1903	\$151 b.
8 % for period ended 31.10.1903.....	Tls. 32 a.
Interim of 3 % on account of 1898	Tls. 25 b.
Interim div. of 4 % on acct. of 1898	Tls. 40 sa.
4 % for period ended 31.12.00.....	Tls. 170
TOBACCO COMPANIES.	
25 % for year ending 30.6.1900	\$200
First year	\$10
Interim of Tls. 3 per share	Tls. 53 b.
(MISCELLANEOUS.	
12 %=\$1.20 per share for 1903	\$25
First year	\$84 b.
Interim of 5 % for 1903	\$144 a.
\$1 per share for 1902	\$72
90 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$121 b.
45 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$7
10 % div. and 1 % bonus for 1901	\$140 b.
\$10 for 1903	\$145 b.
15 per cent=\$3.75 for 1902	\$49 b.
Interim of \$4 for 1903	\$245
.....	
\$30 for year ending 31.11.1903'	\$300
\$14 for year ending 31.7.1903	\$124 b.
Div. of \$21 for 1903	\$40 a.
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90 cents } \$29.70 } for year ending 31.5.03 ... }	\$5 a. \$91 b. \$94 b.
.....	
Final of 6 % making 12 % for year	\$154 b.
None	\$5 b.
\$1 for year ended 30.6.1903.....	\$94 b.

Farm and Tractor Companies

25 % for year ending 30.6.1900	\$200
First year	\$10
Interim of Tls. 3 per share	Tls. 93 b.
MISCELLANEOUS.	
12 % = \$1.20 per share for 1902	\$25
First year	\$18 b.
Interim of % for 1903	\$148 s.
\$1 per share for 1902	\$72
90 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$148 b.
45 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$7
10 % div. and 1 % bonus for 1901	\$140 b.
\$10 for 1903	\$145 b.
15 per cent = \$3.75 for 1902	\$49 b.
Interim of \$4 for 1903	\$245
\$30 for year ending 31.11.1903'	\$300
\$14 for year ending 31.7.1903	\$124 b.
Div. of \$24 for 1903	\$40 s.
.....	\$5 s.
90 cents } for year ending 31.5.03 ... {	\$90 b.
\$29.70 }	\$91 b.
Final of 6 % making 12 % for year	\$154 b.
None	\$5 b.
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15.12.1903 making so far Tls. 35 for the year ending 31.10.03	Tls. 305 b.
First year	\$50
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